

AUTOMATIC BINDER LATEST IN SURGERY

Dr. Lorthioir Uses Self-Feeding
Forceps Instead of Catgut
to Close Wounds.

ALSO DISCARDS GLOVES

The International Association
Brings Congress to Abrupt
Close at Hotel Astor.

The eminent members of the International Surgical Association abruptly ended their congress at the Hotel Astor yesterday by omitting the closing discussion on the surgery of gastric and duodenal ulcers scheduled for the morning.

The subject had been pretty thoroughly covered in previous sessions and most of the foreign surgeons were eager to attend clinics in the city hospitals and to watch various operations by their American colleagues. This they did, and the convention came informally to an end with the dismantling of the wonderful exhibit of surgical instruments in the Astor's east ballroom.

The clinic which most interested the surgeons apparently was the one on operations by Dr. Lorthioir of Brussels for the radical cure of hernia at the Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled. Two women practitioners were among the observers of four consecutive operations by Dr. Lorthioir. The weights of two of the patients, 240 and 280 pounds respectively, were much praised for its efficiency.

Instead of using a surgeon's needle Dr. Lorthioir bound the exterior incisions by aluminum clamps dropped into place by an automatic feeding and clamping machine. Thus he eliminated catgut or any other thread, a distinct improvement, since catgut is not always perfectly aseptic. As soon as the wounds permit the aluminum clamps are removed.

The machine which supplied the aluminum clamps to hold together the edges of the wounds was an automatic feeding forceps. The clamps were placed close together, but not so close that they touched. Dr. J. P. Hogue of New York translated the running French commentary with which Dr. Lorthioir accompanied his work.

Dr. Lorthioir used no gloves, which some of the observers considered the only flaw in an otherwise exceptionally fine technique. The Belgian surgeon explained that he could work much more swiftly and dexterously without gloves, especially in handling tissues. His finger work was much praised for its efficiency.

It was the general opinion among the surgeons that the most important feature of the congress had been Dr. E. Lether's illustrations of his work in rebuilding the human face by grafts and transplants of bone and flesh, done and described in the city yesterday.

The next congress will be held three years hence in Paris with Dr. W. W. Keen of Philadelphia as president.

SIEGEL DENIES CHARGES IN DIVORCE COMPLAINT

In Brief Answer, He Calls Every
Allegation Made by His
Wife False.

Henry Siegel's answer to the divorce complaint made against him by Mrs. Marie Vaughn Siegel was served on her attorneys, Rockwood & Haldine, yesterday afternoon by Lemuel Ely Quirk, Siegel's attorney. It was a brief categorical denial by paragraphs of all the allegations in the complaint, the entire answer taking only one typewritten page. Mrs. Siegel charged her husband with improper acts with other women, one a Mrs. Eddy, now Mrs. James M. Brown; another Miss May Smith, a trained nurse; and a third woman whose name she did not know.

Miss Smith also filed an answer as an interested party. She declares there is no truth in the charge that she has been guilty of misconduct with Mr. Siegel. She says she was employed by Siegel as a trained nurse and so acted for him. She has not seen him for a year and has not since seen him.

Henry Melville, receiver for the Siegel bank, announced yesterday that he would begin to send out checks to the depositors tomorrow. The bank has about 3,500 pass-books have been turned in and the 15.3 per cent. to be paid on each figured out. The books show, it was said, that there was little trading in them by assigning claims for loans. The 1,500 small savings banks handed out by Siegel & Vogel to depositors brought 1 1/2 cents each to Mr. Melville when sold as assets of the bank. The bank's fixtures, comprising two desks, a typewriter and an adding machine, were sold for \$400.

Gilbert G. Thorne, vice-president of the Park National Bank; Stephen Baker, president of the Bank of the Metropolis, and J. S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce, had a long interview with District Attorney Whitman yesterday in which they denied that they favored leniency for Siegel & Vogel if a settlement were made by the two indicted merchants. They told Mr. Whitman that the banks concerned in the Siegel failure opposed such a compromise and on the other hand approved every step the District Attorney took in the case.

Rose & Paskus, representing Siegel in Mrs. Siegel's other suits against him, will file an answer in about a week.

SUES GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY.

Fire Commissioner Seeks to Fix Liability for Blaze.

Green-Wood Cemetery was charged with "negligent and culpable negligence" in a suit filed in the Supreme Court yesterday by Fire Commissioner Adamson to collect \$15,000 damages as a result of a fire which destroyed a house owned by the cemetery corporation at 212 East Ninety-ninth street on January 31 last, when several firemen were injured. The suit is a test case brought by the Fire Commissioner to determine the liability of owners of property who neglect to install automatic sprinklers.

The complaint alleges that the order to install automatic sprinklers in the building was made on November 16, 1912, and that because of the defendant's neglect to obey it a fire which started in the basement of the tenement house extended to other parts of the building and spread rapidly to adjoining buildings, "and was extinguished only with great difficulty and after injury to many members of the Fire Department." It is alleged that the "willful and culpable negligence" of the defendant the fire would have been confined to the part of the building in which it started. The Fire Commissioner alleges that the defendant's negligence caused the department "to incur an expense of \$15,000 in the use of its employees, apparatus and materials in the extinguishing of the fire."

The attorneys in the case stipulated yesterday for an early trial in order that the question of the property owner's liability may be decided as soon as possible.

NEW FLEA IN FREEMAN CASE.

U. S. Supreme Court to Rule on Jurisdiction of Judge Mayer.

The United States Supreme Court has been asked to pass upon the right of Judge Mayer of the United States District Court to grant a new trial to Albert Freeman, who was convicted with Mr. William J. Morton and Julian Hawthorne of using the mails to defraud in the sale of worthless mining stock.

Both Hawthorne and Morton served their sentences, but Freeman, who was sentenced to five years in Atlanta Penitentiary, appealed. While his case was before the United States Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Mayer, who had sentenced him, granted a new trial on the grounds that one of the trial lawyers was a member of a Grand Jury that had investigated one phase of the swindle.

The United States Attorney appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals to set aside Judge Mayer's order, on the grounds that he had no longer jurisdiction. The Appellate Court, in a memorandum filed yesterday, asks the Supreme Court to decide this question for them and also to pass upon the right of the Circuit Court of Appeals to review Judge Mayer's order for a new trial.

WHY IS A FREAK? ALAS, FREAKS CAN'T SAY YET

Medical Experts Refuse Enlightenment in Presence of Reporters.

The sudden shyness yesterday on the part of distinguished professors from the College of Physicians and Surgeons when they found themselves in the presence of reporters prevented the freaks at the circus from learning just what is responsible for their freakishness, a problem the solution of which they were all eager to know.

"And now," sobbed Miss Cherry Davis while Fraulein Brumhilde, the German giantess, tried to comfort her, "and now shall perhaps never know whence come these pounds and if I worry and grow thin I won't know what to do about it."

Princess Weenie Wee of Somaliland agreed that the doctors were just horrid. She protested a tear-drop that threatened to engulf her. J. Rittenhouse Zip, sometimes known as Barnum's original "What is it?" said that those were exactly his sentiments.

The circus heard a few days ago that Dr. Walter B. James, professor of clinical medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and his colleagues, Dr. T. C. Janeway and Dr. Warfield T. Cooke, professor and assistant professor of medicine; Dr. William G. McV. MacCallum, professor of pathology, and Dr. Pappenheimer and Dr. Lambert, assistant professors of anatomy, were going to Freaks Hall to lecture to some of their students on "Why is a Freak?"

The circus publicity department, which seldom finds itself in the position of stopping anything interesting from happening, was responsible for the dismay of the freaks, for the medical authorities declined to lecture when they learned that newspaper reporters had been invited.

The students didn't seem to mind. They found solace in the company of Jack, the baby lion who has the run of Freaks Hall, and a chance to exercise their learning in discussing how a giraffe can support such a long neck with only the normal number of cervical vertebrae.

TO ENLARGE CHILDREN'S HAVEN

Scope of Far Rockaway Home to Be Broadened.

Contributions for "Children's Haven" are being solicited by the social service department of the Temple Israel at Far Rockaway. The home there is maintained for children whose mothers are in hospitals or convalescent, and so far the subscription permit of the caring for fifteen children. Only healthy babies are admitted now, but further contributions will make possible the provision of facilities for caring for others. Physicians at Far Rockaway have volunteered to give the children medical supervision.

Mrs. Edwin Sommerich of Far Rockaway is chairman of the organization and those associated with her are Mrs. Isaac Lichtenstein, Mrs. Charles Hirsch, Mrs. H. Sumner Sternberg, Mrs. J. Kondell, Mrs. Leonard Stein, Mrs. Harry Isaacson, Mrs. N. Bennett, Mrs. Walter Jones, Mrs. D. Goodman and Mrs. Herman Rosenbaum, who is the treasurer. Contributions may be sent to her at Lawrence, L. I.

SIMPSON CASE TO GRAND JURY.

Coroner Contends Rich Kentuckian's Wife Didn't Kill Herself.

LEXINGTON, Ky., April 16.—The Grand Jury this afternoon began an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the shooting to death here on February 22 of Mrs. Laura Wilder Simpson, wife of Laurence Simpson, rich, a member of many clubs and widely known in New York.

Her family, as well as that of her husband, are taking no part in the investigation, contending that an autopsy conducted by a Chicago doctor showed that Mrs. Simpson shot herself.

Coroner R. Leigh Gordon says that there were no powder burns on Mrs. Simpson's head. The court house was crowded this afternoon with witnesses, including medical experts. Several testified that they saw Mrs. Simpson, but their evidence was not made public.

FAVORS CONDEMNATION BILL.

Mayor Says New Method Would Prove Economical.

Unless he finds legal defects in it Mayor Mitchell will sign the bill doing away with condemnation commissioners and transferring their duties to the justices of the Supreme Court, Special Term.

Lawyers interested in condemnation proceedings opposed the bill before the Mayor yesterday. They contended that it would necessitate the election of at least twelve new Justices at \$17,500 a year and that the city would lose money, while the work would be less speedily done than now.

"Even if a dozen additional Justices would be needed," said the Mayor, "those who have studied the situation believe the city will save money by the abolition of the excessive awards and could overcome the salary increase by economy in a single leg proceeding."

"WIRELESS" DINNER IN HARLEM

News Plashed to Board of Commerce Members at Tables.

A "wireless" dinner was held last night by the Harlem Board of Commerce in Palast Harlem, 258 West 125th street. Radiograms giving stock quotations and news of baseball and ships in distress were received. The instrument was in a balcony in the rear, and its flashes, dots and dashes could be seen and heard by all in the room.

"Drys" Gain in Michigan.

DETROIT, April 16.—(Accounts of the ballots cast at the election on April 6 show that Wexford and Ogemaw counties, awarded to the "wets" on early returns, voted against liquor in recent elections. Ten of the twelve counties in which there were local option elections voted against liquor. One county changed from "dry" to "wet," one remained "wet," three voted from "wet" to "dry" and seven remained "dry."

DOGS TORTURED AT U. OF P., WOMEN SAY

Neglected After Vivisection, Is
Testimony at Trial of
Professors.

MISS OGDEN FAINTS AWAY

Witnesses Tell of One Animal
Set Free With an Extra
Long Hind Leg.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16.—Miss Henrietta Ogden, star witness against Dr. Joshua E. Sweet of the University of Pennsylvania medical faculty, who is on trial before Judge Breyer under charges of cruelty to animals based on his vivisection experiments, fainted under a fire of cross-examination to-day.

Murdock Kendrick, counsel for Dr. Sweet, examined a series of notes which the witness had made of her observations. Miss Ogden said on direct examination that these were the original notes. Mr. Kendrick asked if they weren't copies. Miss Ogden admitted that she had copied the notes for convenience.

Mr. Kendrick asked quickly: "I thought you swore they were originals? What did you mean by swearing that these were originals?"

Miss Ogden said slowly into the arms of the court attendant, but was soon revived. The Commonwealth, which is prosecuting a case prepared largely by the Women's Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, closed its case at the morning session. The prosecution tried to show merely that vivisection animals were fed garbage and otherwise neglected for months in the animal house attached to the university medical laboratory.

Miss Ogden and her sister, Miss Bertha Ogden, who were instrumental in instituting the prosecution, swore to a half dozen cases in which dogs had been fed in the animal house with unbandaged wounds and in one case neglect. All of these animals, according to these and other witnesses, had no food but what might be gathered from the garbage pails at the university hospital, and much of this was fermented.

All the dogs in question had been vivisectioned in various ways, one was partly paralyzed and another had what one of the witnesses called "an extra long hind leg." This case was one of the experiments in bone grafting.

Policeman William J. Boyd testified that he had been in the animal house several times and had noticed that the food for the dogs consisted of garbage from the maternity hospital, and said it contained bandages, needles, and even spoons, knives and forks discarded from the tables in the hospital. He had noticed no cruelty, except on one occasion a dog had seen a doctor and he had long leg, "so long that they could not fasten any more bones to it."

Dr. James C. Corliss of Newark, N. J., former head of the New Jersey Animal Society, said that the vivisectioned animals were improperly treated at the university animal house.

Dr. Sweet was the first witness for the defense. He said that the medical faculty appointed him director of the animal house and the position included general oversight of the kennels.

The animal house was built at an expense of \$25,000, he said, after consultation with experts in such matters. He said that food was obtained in part from the kitchen of the university hospital. He had never seen any fermented food, and to prevent fermentation in the summer time an icebox was provided in the animal house.

BIG TIM EXECUTORS FACE JAIL.

Must Show Reason To-day for Not Obeying Surrogate's Order.

Patrick H. Sullivan and Lawrence Mulhazy, executors under the will of Timothy D. Sullivan, must show cause to-day in the Surrogate's Court why they should not be sent to jail for contempt for failure to obey an order of Surrogate Fowler signed three weeks ago directing them to file an inventory of the personal estate of the late Congressman within fifteen days.

Proceedings against the executors were begun by William Fox, the theatrical man who has a claim of \$29,392 against the estate on notes given by Big Tim in 1912 for loans. Under the law an inventory of the personal estate should have been filed within three months after Big Tim died, but the executors failed to file it and ignored a claim for the \$29,392 filed with them on February 6 last.

At the office of Mr. Fox's counsel it was said yesterday that if the attorneys for the executors failed to further delay to-day a demand that they be committed to jail at once will be made. Attorneys for the Sullivan estate said that an inventory will probably be filed to-day.

NURSE SUES MRS. REVELL, JR.

Asks \$5,000 for Lost Hair and Blow From Landed Coat.

Mrs. Marion Revell, wife of Fleming H. Revell, Jr., whose father is president of the Fleming H. Revell Company and a trustee of the Moody Bible Institute and of the New York Life Insurance Company, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday for \$5,000 damages by Mrs. Delia J. Cronin, a nurse who had been employed by Mrs. Revell in her home at 250 West 104th street.

Mrs. Cronin alleges that Mrs. Revell kicked her, pulled out her hair and struck her over the head with a coat the hem of which was weighted with lead. She says she was so seriously injured she had to be taken home in an automobile.

Mrs. Revell was formerly an actress and married about three years ago in the face of some opposition from her husband's father.

FAKE POLICE HERO CONFESSES.

Tells Commissioner He Wanted to Get on Honor Roll.

Policeman Milton Greenbaum of the Bathgate avenue station, in The Bronx, city, said yesterday that he had been a Police Headquarters yesterday, admitted that he had stated falsely that he had rescued three children at a fire.

"Ever since I joined the force," he said, "I have tried to get on the honor roll and I made up my mind to take a long chance to get there. I see my mistake now and know I deserve to be severely punished."

PIER SWINDLER SENTENCED.

Clerk Who Tried to Defraud Tourists Gets Six Months.

George Hamburg, 29 years old, of 636 West 166th street, Manhattan, a clerk in a New York broker's office, was sentenced yesterday to six months in the Hudson County Penitentiary by Recorder McGovern in the Hoboken police court. He was accused of trying to swindle tourists on the George Washington of the Hamburg American Line, before she left her pier early yesterday.

Hamburg is accused of representing himself as the agent of a Hoboken money exchange firm. The young man's wife became hysterical when she pleaded in court for her husband.

O'DWYER MAY BACK ANTI-MURPHY TICKET

National Democratic Club Will
Continue Its Fight, He
Asserts.

WON'T RESIGN HIS POST

Would Elect Leaders in Primaries to Dethrone Tammany Head.

The movement to place an anti-Murphy Democratic ticket in the field this fall may have the support of Judge Edward F. O'Dwyer and his followers in the National Democratic Club.

"I propose to continue the fight against Mr. Murphy," the Judge said yesterday, "and the National Democratic Club will be one of the instruments in that fight. We shall oppose him at the primaries if Gov. Glynn does the right thing and induces the Legislature to pass the amendments to the direct primary law which the club suggested and which the Governor tried to have passed in the regular session."

"These amendments are necessary if we are to have a fair contest in the primaries. It would be idle to attempt a primary contest with the law as it is. If the law is not amended we shall have to nominate our own candidates. You may be sure they will not be those of Mr. Murphy."

Judge O'Dwyer would like to see district leaders elected in the city primary who would choose a new leader of Tammany Hall. He believes that Tammany in that manner could be reformed from within. But he fears that Mr. Murphy could elect the leaders of his own selection unless the primary law is reformed.

Judge O'Dwyer was asked whether he intends to resign from the National Democratic Club presidency because the board of governors reinstated Mr. Murphy and his friends.

"Nothing has happened to cause me to think for a moment of taking such a step; certainly, not the reinstatement of Mr. Murphy," he said. "The club showed what the members think of Mr. Murphy when they voted to condemn his leadership at the meeting in February. The position of the club is unchanged."

"His reinstatement did not change the club's position of opposition to him and to what he stands for."

The club is unanimously opposed to Mr. Murphy. I am somewhat unfortunate in my board of governors. There is Thomas F. Smith, who happens also to be secretary of Tammany Hall. When Mr. Smith rises at a meeting he does not speak as a member, but as secretary of Tammany Hall and the personal representative of Mr. Murphy.

"The board of governors, which is supposed to be secret and a club matter, he rushes downstairs to the newspaper, reporters and biased reports are published the next day." The newspaper men tried to get a report of the meeting from Judge O'Dwyer, but he asked to be excused.

FIRST OF NAPOLEON MEDAL ESSAYS IS IN

Gardner School Pupil Submits
Excellent Paper Complying
With All Conditions.

The first essay on the subject of Napoleon offered in The Sun's contest is in the distinction of being the author of the first essay submitted goes to Marion T. Farham of 205 West Ninety-third street, 16 years old, a pupil in the Gardner School, 607 Fifth avenue.

This first essay absolutely complies with each of the few requirements of the contest. It is written with neatness and legibility on only one side of the paper; it is headed with a "1" to denote the class in which the author falls by age, and at the bottom is the pledge of originality and a teacher's signature attesting the author's school enrollment and age. It is hoped that the great majority of essays submitted will be as neatly and generally "presentable" as this one.

For the benefit of the hundreds of boys and girls now studying about the first French Emperor before starting work on their essays, it may be noted that an excellent condensed account of Napoleon's conquests is given in the latest Encyclopaedia Britannica, volume 19, under the heading "Napoleon Bonaparte."

This article, which begins on page 216 and runs to page 236, treats of the Austrian war of 1805 (including the battles of Lin and Austerlitz), the campaign of Prussia and the Polish campaign, the Austrian war of 1809, the Russian war of 1812 and the retreat from Moscow, and the German "War of Liberation" culminating in the Battle of the Nations around Leipzig. The last campaign in France, 1814, is reviewed and naval history from 1801 to 1815, including Trafalgar, is summarized.

Napoleon's short Spanish campaign in 1808 is in this encyclopaedia under the heading "Peninsular War" and the catastrophe that ended the Emperor's career is described under the heading "Waterloo Campaign." These are in different volumes.

Most useful of the encyclopaedia's articles to the young student, however, is "Napoleon I," which begins on page 190 of volume 19 and runs to page 210. Boys and girls are likely to find special words more enlightening than the reference articles described above. If you can spare the time by all means get hold of books dealing solely with Napoleon, if only to study the conclusions of the writers about him.

Weigh well these conclusions, but do not adopt them hastily. Draw your own deductions from the facts of Napoleon's life. Remember that you are judging his greatness not by the standards of his own time but by the enlightened judgment of to-day.

Schoolgirl Finds Grandmother Dead

Mary Raine, 6 years old, went to her home at 549 East 15th street from school yesterday and could not get in. She smelled gas and got the janitor to open the door. In a chair with a gas tube in her mouth was the body of the girl's grandmother, Mrs. Winifred Padweh, 68 years old. She left a note saying "Good-by" to Mary's mother, Mrs. August Raine.

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